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12282INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, on 20 December 1951

Director of Central Intelligence
General Walter Bedell Smith
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant, Intelligence,
Department of State
Brigadier General John Weckerling, acting for Assistant Chief
of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Felix L. Johnson, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Dr. Walter F. Colby, Director of Intelligence, Atomic Energy
Commission
Brigadier General Richard C. Partridge, Deputy Director for
Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Victor P. Keay, acting for Assistant to the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. William L. Langer, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Max Millikan, Central Intelligence Agency
Dr. H. M. Chadwell, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Sherman Kent, Central Intelligence Agency
[redacted] Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. William P. Bundy, Central Intelligence Agency
[redacted] Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Allan Evans, Department of State
Mr. John F. Killea, Department of State
*Mr. Gordon Tiger, Department of State
Colonel O. B. Sykes, Department of the Army
Colonel Garrison B. Coverdale, Department of the Army
First Lieutenant Henry Fisher, Department of the Army
Captain Ray Malpass, USN, Department of the Navy
*Mr. J. H. Alberti, Department of the Navy
Colonel Edward H. Porter, Department of the Air Force
Colonel J. C. Marchant, Department of the Air Force
Colonel S. M. Lansing, The Joint Staff

James Q. Reber
Secretary

Intelligence Advisory Committee

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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The minutes of the meetings of 14 December 1951 (IAC-M-53) and 15 December 1951 (IAC-M-54) were approved.

Probable Developments in
Yugoslavia and the Likelihood
of Attack Upon Yugoslavia
Through 1952. (NIE-29/2)

2. Action: After discussion, especially of paragraphs 4 and 8, the Conclusions were approved, leaving the IAC representatives to agree on specific word changes and to modify the Discussion section as necessary.

Analysis of Soviet Industrial
Vulnerabilities Affecting War
Potential.

3. It was agreed that in view of other projects of a similar character now underway it is not practical to develop the proposed estimate at least until after March 1952.

Consequences of the Loss
of the Indian Subcontinent
to Communism in the Period
1952-1953. (NIE-61)

4. It was agreed that this estimate should be undertaken on a routine priority.

Present Guatemalan Situation
and Its Implications for U. S.
Security.

5. It was agreed that this proposed estimate should be undertaken.

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Probable Developments
in Southeast Asia.

7. Action: It was agreed that the members will consider whether a re-examination of the Indochina estimate is now in order, and that the Watch Committee will continue to keep developments in Burma under close examination. It was felt that any new estimate in this area should probably comprehend the whole of Southeast Asia rather than any single portion thereof.

8. Discussion: [] views are generally in accord on the major points in estimates on this area as well as elsewhere. General Smith suggested that all IAC members should read for their personal edification the report which [] [] regularly makes to him. CIA will see that they receive copies for this purpose.

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Continuance of U. S. Intelligence
Activities Prior and Subsequent
to the Ratification of the Japanese
Peace Treaty. (IAC-D-34/1)

10. Action: The recommendations contained in IAC-D-34/1 were approved.

Soviet Defense Capabilities.
(NIE-60)

11. Action: In view of the need to make use of all sources in this estimate it was agreed to change the designation of NIE-60 for the purposes of production, with sanitization to be undertaken later if possible. For the present the number of the estimate will not be changed.

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Status of Soviet Atomic
Energy Program.

12. Action: It was agreed that if anticipated divergences in the semi-annual report were not bridged when the results of the third Soviet atomic test are available, a panel of acceptable outside authorities would be asked to review the facts and assist the IAC in arriving at its report. It was further agreed that CIA would notify Congress of the expected delay.

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